

Workingmen's Houses,
John McNulty House
824 Dodge Street
Dubuque
Dubuque County
Iowa

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Site Location: 824 Dodge Street
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 3.4
Cadastral grid: NE1/4 SW1/4 S25 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.691340.470650
Lot dimensions: 34'x 100': .08 acre
Lot description: Subdivision of City Lot 730
and Lot 11 of Union Addition

Present Owner: Joseph Burd
Present Usage: vacant
Present Condition: fair

Overall Dimensions: original main block: 16'x 20'; 1-story rear additions:
31'x 18'; front porch: 6'x 8'.

Orientation: northwest

Architectural Description: Plan type: rectangular, with multiple rear additions; one story.

Foundation: coursed limestone perimeter walls.

Structure: wood frame

Ext. walls: asbestos-cement shingles installed in 1949 over beveled wood siding.

Roofs: moderately pitched side gable over original block; gable with shed roof extensions over rear addition; asphalt shingles and roll roofing throughout.

Chimneys: one brick interior chimney centered on ridge of rear addition.

Dormers: none

Windows: principally painted wood 1/1 and 2/2 double-hung, with plain enframements and slip sills.

Openings: single-leaf front entrance centered in front porch; simple side entrance.

Porches: single-story, partially enclosed front porch (1946 replacement), with side entrance and wood lattice crawl space surrounds.

Details: molded and boxed cornices on main block roof.

Construction Date: 1868

Architecture Style: Side gabled box

Physical History: In 1884 John [Jon] and Catherine McNulty purchased Lot 11 of this residential subdivision along lower Dodge Street from prominent Dubuque capitalist and real estate speculator John D. Bush. Though Bush owned the land

sixteen years earlier, the McNultys had built this single-story frame house for \$500 in 1868. John McNulty died sometime between 1909 and 1911, and in 1913 Catherine sold the property to Charles and Kate Truher [Truber]. The Truhers lived here until selling the house in 1920 to the Voelker Realty Company. After a short period as a rental, the house was occupied by Patrick and Theresa Powers, who lived here beyond 1970. Since its construction, the McNulty House has undergone substantial alterations and additions, including: progressive construction of up to four rear additions, most built before 1910; replacement of the front porch in 1946; installation of asbestos-cement shingles on the exterior walls in 1949; and installation of asphalt shingles and rolls on the roof, among others.

Significance: A simple gabled box changed by numerous alterations and additions, this modest dwelling is one of the earliest of the workingmen's houses constructed along lower Dodge Street in the late 19th Century. In scale, orientation and composition this house contrasts with surrounding dwellings, most of which were built during the late 1870s and 1880s.

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